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Title: METHOD OF ISOLATING MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

| | <u>Pages</u> |
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| Specification | 16 |
| Claims | 3 |
| Abstract | 1 |
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| Drawing(s) | 7 |

Enclosures:

- A certified copy of the priority application will be filed at a later date.
- Postcard.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Under 35 USC 119, this application claims the benefit of a foreign priority application filed in Taiwan, serial number 89121676, filed October 17, 2000.

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